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PROHIBITION FIGHT IN HOUSE

Resolution Looking Toward Making Country Dry Up Today.

SPIRITED DEBATES

Representative Hobson Marshals the Advocates of the Measure Whose Defeat Seems Assured.

Washington, Dec., 22—Legislative weapons were burnished up for the final struggle in the House of Representatives today over the Hobson constitutional amendment for national prohibition. The fight began at 10 o'clock this morning, to last until the roll is called on the resolution to submit the amendment to the State Legislatures for ratification.

Opponents of prohibition are certain it will be impossible to muster the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the House neccessary to send the joint resolution to the Senate. The supporters of the resolution claim "a substantial majority," which at least will assure victory in the preliminary skirmish—the vote on the special rule presented by Chairman Henry of the Rules Committee for the consideration of the Hobson resolution.

The rule will be voted on after two hours of debate and its adoption is virtually conceded, as many opponents of the resolution itself have announced their intention of voting for the rule to open the way for the final action on the question.

Under the terms of the rule eight hours of general debate were allowed on the resolution and a field day of oratory has followed. Representative Hobson had a list of some 30 members who wished to speak in support of the measure and numerous applications had been made for time in opposition.

All efforts to arrive at a division of time failed so Speaker Clark controled, endeavoring to allot time as equally as possible. Majority Leader Underwood headed the list of speakers who opposed the resolution while Representative Hobson lead the advocates.

The Hobson resolution proposes a constitutional amendment as follows:

"Section 1—The sale, manufacture for sale, transportaion for sale, exportation for sale, and importation for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof are forever prohibited.

Sec. 2—Congress shall have power to provide for the manufacture sale importation and transportation of intoxicating liquors for sacramental medicinal mechanical pharmaceutical or scientific purposes or for use in the arts, and shall have power to enforce this article by all needful legislation."

The resolution carries a premable setting forth that science has demonstrated alcohol to be narcotic poison and reciting its evil effects.

There are some 300 members in Washington and the prohibition leaders asserted their confidence that well over one third of these would vote in favor of the resolution.

Dr. James Cannon of Richmond, is one of the most active of the temperance workers at the capitol.

BOY EXONERATES NEGRO.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 22.—Peter Wright, 16 years old, who was shot by James A. Foreman, a negro boy, exonerated the latter before passing away in St. Francis Hospital here, after undergoing an operation in a vain effort to save his life.

The boys found two old revolvers Wednesday afternoon and were examining them when one exploded the bullet lodging in young Wright's stomach and perforating the intestines. Wright declared the shooting was accidental.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Sudden orders to the battleship Delaware to be ready to sail for Mexico by Sunday caused a stir in navy circles at Norfolk. She recently returned from Vera Cruz, where she was on duty several months.

John Milton Ward 6 years old, son of John Ward, bartender, living at 1231 Thirtieth street, Georgetown, was killed yesterday afternoon on a trestle in Rosslyn, Va. by a car of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad.

Turkey is following her usual dilatory tactics in connection with the Hodeida incident, which is still in abeyance. The Turkish authorities at Hodeida have not heeded the brders sent from Constantinople through the Italian government's insistence, and have not released the British consul nor punisehd the police who broke into the Italian consulate. It is said that the Italian government is determined not to permit further delay, and has warned the Turkish Ambassador here that unless immediate satisfaction is given coercive measures will be restored to.

Charging that he betrayed her under promise of marriage, and then deserted her for another, Miss Nancy Clay, a pretty young society girl, of Paris, Ky., filed suit in the common pleas court at Cincinnati yesterday, seeking $25,000 damages from Ambrose Holters, 21 years old, and the son of B. J. Holters, one of Cincinnati's leading manufacturers. Miss Clay is the daughter of Brutus J. Clay, a prominent stockraiser and tobacco man, and is a member of the famous Clay family of Kentucky.

Discontent with German domination is increasing rapidly in Austria, while the people are saying the Austrians are being exposed to slaughter to save the Germans. Numerous duels have taken place between German and Austrian officers, and th German staff is continually replacing Austrian officers with German noncommissioned officers. Field Marshal von Hindenburg is quoted as saying, "I'll not continue to direct the campaign unless the archdukes remain at least 3 miles behind the firing line."

An unfavorable report on the nomination by President Wilson of Judge Ewing C. Bland, of Kansas City, to be United States marshal for the Western district of Missouri, yesterday was made to the Senate Judiciary Committee by Senator Reed, of Missouri.

Federal Judge W. T. Newman, of Atlanta, Ga., before whom the latest move in the Leo M. Frank case was made Saturday, yesterday declined to grant a certificate stating that in his opinion there was probable cause for an appeal to Supreem Court the United States in the habeas corpus proceedings. He denied the application for the writ Saturday.

It is learned from an authoriative source that the Pope will give a solemn audience to the sacred college on Christmas Eve, when he will deliver a most important allocution about the war and his efforts to hasten peace. The pontiff announces that he intends to make another appeal to th sovereigns now at war.

Four small children died of burns in Philadelphia yesterday. Three of them perished as the result of burns which they received the same day while playing with fire and the fourth died after lingering 12 days.

The archbishops and bishops of the Germany empire have ordered Sunday, January 10, set aside as a day of prayer and penance in the army.

Lieut. Frederick J. Goerstner, observer, was drowned when the United States army aeroplane, No. 29, plunged into the Pacific off Oceanside yesterday morning on his flight from San Diego to Los Angeles. Capt. Hollis H. Miller, pilot of the craft, managed to cling to the wrecked machine until rescuers reached him. Aeroplane No. 29, together with five other military planes, left San Diego early yesterday morning to compete for the Mackay trophy.

Norfolk Oysters in all styles at the Rammel cafe.

RUSSIANS MAKE COUNTER ATTACK

Kaiser's Troops are in Partial Control of Railroads.

GERMANS REPULSED.

Teutons Fail in Effort to Drive an Opening Wedge in the Czar's Line of Defenses.

London, Dec. 22.—The Russian forces on the line of defnse before Warsaw are today directing a strong counter attack against the Germans between Rawa and the Pilicia river. Skierniewice the important railroad point, southeast of Lowicz, has practically been abandoned by the Russians, according to reports reaching here.

With this backward movement by the Russians the Germans are in partial possession of both railroad lines leading to Warsaw from the west and southwest, but by their attacks beyond Rawa, it is evident that the Russians are endeavoring to swing the main point of contract of the vast engagement in Poland further south to avoid all possiblity of being cornered between the fortress of Warsaw and Novo Georgievsk and the Vistula.

Heavy German forces have been repulsed in their efforts to drive an opening in the Russian line. The army of Field Marshal von Hindenburg is declared to have made little progress in the assaults directed toward the city of Sochaczew. By the counter attacks further south, it is believed the Russians may force a shifting of the German forces, diminishing the power of attack along the Vistula and the Bbura.

Vienna (Via Berlin and London), Dec. 22.—"In the upper Latorcsi river district in the Carpathians northeast of the Lupkodw passes, we have made progress," the official statement issued here asserts.

"Severe fighting continues on the Krosno and Tuchow front and on the lower Donajec. In Southern Poland, the situation is unchanged."

EXECUTIONS IN MEXICO

Castuta Baca Millionaire Held for $100,000 Ransom.

El Paso, Tex, Dec 22—Seventeen executions of persons of more or less prominence were held in Mexico City last week, according to Americans who arrived today from the capital. Among the killed were three generals, Garcia, Hidalgo Morgui, and Delgardo, all of whom belonged to the regular military establishment, remained in Mexico after the departure of Gen. Huerta.

Fourteen persons have been executed in Chihuahua City in the past week, in addition to about 130 previously reported killed during the past month, according to the Americans, who said it is customary to keep an execution squad ready to shoot down whomever the officer in command may point out. They said they saw more than one of these killings.

Albert Gonzales, former assistant district clerk here, was arrested in Juarez today by order of Gen. Tomas Ornelas, commanding the Villa forces. He is in jail, and in fear of execution. It is said he is accused of political activity against the Villa cause.

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MISS CLEARY VANISHES.

She Does Not Care to See Her Father At Present

New York, Dec. 22.—Having obtained her father's acquittal at his trial on a charge of killing his son-in-law, Mrs. Anna Cleary Newman, the girl widow of Eugene M. Newman, after her sacrifice sought the seclusion of her home in West 152d Street, while William V. Cleary, town clerk of Haverstraw, was being congratulated by his friends in Haverstraw on having been acquitted of the charge of murder.

Although Cleary's daughter went on the witness stand and did not spare herself or the memory of her young husband of a few days in order to win her father's liberty, it was said that the girl did not care to see her father until she could forgive his slaying of Newman.

The girl was spirited away, to New York while Cleary was waiting for the jury to bring in a verdict.

KILLED WOMAN FOF $15.

Mrs Antoinette Becker 58 Years Old Confesses.

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Antoinette Becker, 58 years old, confessed Sunday night, according to the police that she killed Miss Frances Bomholt, the aged woman who was found beaten to death in her home here last Wednesday.

Robbery was the motive. Fifteen dollars, which Mrs. Becker told the police she took from a drawer in Miss Bomholdt's house was found concealed in the slayer's home.

Half a dozen men had been detained and questioned by the police before Mrs. Becker's arrest.

Mrs. Becker was a daily caller at the home of Miss Bomholt, to whom she sold bread and pastry.

ALEXANDRIANS IN COMPANY

Miss Virginia Ale and Josephine Duffey at Poli's This Week

Considerable interest is being felt in Alexandria in the appearance of Misses Virginia Ale and Josephine Duffey, two popular young Alexandrians at Poli's Theatre, in Washington this week. Both of these gifted young people take part in the big production of "Our Cinderella" which is being presented by the Poli Players. There have been a large number of residents of this city attending the performances this week.

BLEASE MAY EMPTY PRISONS

South Carolina Executive Hints of Issuance Of Many Pardons at Christmas.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 22.—South Carolina is wondering what Governor Blease will do in the way of celebrating Christmas by pardoning convicts. Following his sensational pardon of 101 convicts on Thanksgiving he made his record of pardons and paroles since he entered the governor's office 1435 during the summer campaign when the governor was defeated for the nomination for the United States Senae.

In speaking of pardons he said that Christmas was coming and if his office did not have enough pardon blanks the printing office was up the street.

There are only about 160 convicts in the penitentiary and on the State farm, although the various public works of the forty four counties of the State have many prisoners serving short sentences. The penitentiary has room for something over 1,000 prisoners, but it is generally believed that this institution will have few occupants after Christmas Day or January 15, when Richard I. Manning succeeds Blease as governor.

SEEKS DEATH UNDER ENGINE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Because he was out of work and hungry, Tony Begger, 28 years old, who said his home is in Poland, attempted suicide yesterday by wedging his body between the huge driving wheels of a locomotive at the yards of the B. and O. Railroad, Thirty-fifth and Wharton streets. The man was rescued just before the engine was about to pull out of the yard by Peter Ferrick, a railroad detective.

Ferrick placed the man under arrest and he was sent to the House of Correction for three months.

GERMANS LEAVE MIDDLEKERKE

Also Reported that the Invaders Have Evacuated Ostend.

TOWNS BOMBARDED.

Allies' Warships Play Conspicuous Part at Coast in Forcing Teutons From Their Positions.

London Dec 22—Foot by foot in places, yard by yard in others mile by mile occasionally, the German forces all along the 200 mile front in France and Belgium are being forced back from their trenches by the concerted assaults of the allies.

The general offensive which has been slowly gathering weight with the tidal wave of re-enforcements is slowly but slowly hammering back the Germans and the official Paris communique today declares that progress has been made at every point.

Marked advances have been made in Flanders. Near La Bassee the British retrieved their reverses by a brilliant attack which recarried the trenches they had lost. Time and again on the western end the fighting the French and British, during temporary lulls in the violent cannonading, resort to the bayonets in charges that each time netted another gain in the marvelous battle of trenches.

Paris, Dec. 22—After two weeks fighting in an effort to maintain their hold on the Belgian coast, the Germans are reported to have evacuated Middlekerke, north of Ostend today.

Unconfirmed reports declare their line has been thrown even farther back, and that Ostend has been evacuated.

The coast towns of Zeebrugge and Heyst have been vigorously bombarded by the allied warships within the last two days. This has been in support of the general movement to clear the coast while the French and British in the Dixmude and Ypres region are forcing the enemy back upon the Bruges-Roulers-Courtrai line.

WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH

French Premier Makes Statement Before Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, Dec 22—"To fight —without mercy until Europe is definitely liberated by a fully victorious peace. This is the only policy considered by the French government. France's declaration for a war to the finish was made today by Premier Viviani in a statement before the chamber of deputies convening the new session of parliament.

"The government's statement was brief. Responsibility for the war was placed with Germany, but the very opening paragraph of the government's pronouncement left no doubt that France was prepared, and considered no other policy than a war to the bitter end. The statement began:

"This communicaion is no such as governments usually make in outlining for the first time its policies.

"At the present hour there is but one policy to fight without mercy until Europe is definitely liberated by a fully victorious peace."

The opening of this war session of parliament was under exceedingly dramatic conditions. Many members of the chamber of depoties as well as senators returned from the front, where they are serving with the army. Three deputies and one member of the Senate have been killed in action.

The session is expected to be short. Adjournment may be taken by Thursday after the bills which will be presented by the government are passed. These bills include a vote of six months' provisional credit, suspension of the senatorial elections, modification of the naturalization laws to meet the situation growing out of the war as related to Germans now in France, and parliamentary measures.

LOCAL BREVITIES

A Christmas entertainment was given last night in the Assembly Hall of St. Mary's Academy and will be repeated this afternoon at the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum Hall. Music was furnished by the Holy ame Society Band.

The regular meeting of Alexandria Camp, No. 11,335, Modern Woodmen of America, will be held Wednesday, December 23, at 7:30 P. M. Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting.

The market will be open all day Thursday, but will be closed Friday. The market on Saturday will close at 10 o'clock.

Samarian Rebecca Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F., will hold their regular meeting tonight at which time the nomination and election of officers will take place.

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STRUCK BY KAISER

German Emperor Refuses to Apologize for his Act.

London, Dec, 22—The true story of the delay in sending three 42 centimeter German guns to the Belgian coast has just leaked out. It is certainly one of the most startling developments in the repertoire of the German emperor's recent doings that has yet come to light, and fully explains his quarrel with the Krupps.

An English army officer, who arrived in charge of German prisoners ascertained from one of them that the distinguished Krupp engineer, Herr Blesner, was specially sent by the Krupp firm to the charge of the fixing and transportation of the monster guns.

On arriving at Antwerp the engineer had a dispute with the Grand Duke of Wurttemberg as to the manner in which the guns were to be placed upon the coast. Herr Blesner appealed in a personal interview to the kaiser. The emperor supported the view of the grand duke and told the engineer that in the future he mus take his orders without question.

Herr Blesner replied in a manner which the kaiser regarded as disrespectful. The emperor in his rage struck Herr Blesner in the face. The engineer at once returned to Essen and handed in his resignation to the Krupp firm, declaring he would not resume his duties unless the kaiser apologized.

The Krupps asked the emperor to apologize, but he declined point blank and requested that another engineer should be sent to take charge of the transportation of the howitzers. Up to the time of this writing no engineer has been found to take Herr Blesner's place, with the result that the Germans are still helpless to reply to the fire of the British ships off Ostend. The three monster guns, meanwhile, are still cooling their heels in the Krupp factory.

HAILSLIDE STOPS TRAINS.

One Pennsy Track is Covered in Spots for 14 Miles.

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 22.—The westbound track of the Pennsylvania Railroad between Queens Run and Ritchie, for about 14 miles, was buried to a depth of from 5 to 10 inches yesterday by an avalanche of hailstones which early in morning rolled and poured down every gully on the mountainside along the railroad quickly covering that part of the roadbed.

The billions of little hailstones were ground fine in their descent, and formed into an almost solid mass as they struck the roadbed, so that it was impossible to push an engine through the mass.

Workmen, including 100 Renovo shop men, attacked the deposit at both extremities and labored 10 hours before clearing the track at Queens Run and Ritchie.

Norfolk Oysters Daily at The Hotel Rammel.

WAR FEVER STRIKES OTHER COUNTRIES

Greece and Roumania Ready to Cast Lots With the Allies.

ITALY IS ALSO READY

Master Strokes of Diplomacy Attributed to The Envoys of England, France and Russia

London, Dec. 22—Greece and Roumania are momentarily expected to enter the great war on the side of the allies. While no definate announcement has been made by the foreign office, it became known today that the Triple Entente has received assurance from Bulgaria that she will remain strictly neutral in the war, and as a result of this declaration Great Britain, France, and Russia have given Greece and Roumania guarantees that they will not be attacked by Bulgaria if they enter the struggle with the allies.

It is pointed out that the Triple Entente would not have given the two smaller nations such assurance had not they been certain that it would lead to action.

The assurance from Bulgaria that she will remain neutral is regarded as a master stroke of diplomacy on the part of the allies. The manner in which the Bulgarians were brought into line is not known.

With the apparent certainty that Greece and Roumania are soon to be actively engaged in the struggle the question is being asked on all sides. "How long will it be before Italy comes in?"

The police of that country has great difficulty in controlling demonstrations last Sunday. When the Italian people see the armies of Roumania and Greece pushing into Austria, it is believed the authorities will be unable to restrain the Italian war demonstration.

Greece and Roumania have been anxious to get into the fight. Fearing that Bulgaria would join with Turkey has held them back. To keep Bulgaric out of the war meant not only that the influence of Germany and Austria must be overcome on the wounds that were caused only last year, when Greece, Servia and Turkey deprived Bugaria of Salonica, Monastir, and Adrianople must be healed.

Certain diplomats say they have understood for some time that Bulgaria has been promised Adrianople and a large slice of the present Turkish territory in Europe. In addition to this there is said to have been some concessions by Servia and Greece of territory taken from her if she would remain neutral.

Germany and Austria will be faced with a great problem should Greece and Roumania enter the war at this time. Roumania could throw into the field 300,000 well equipped troops without delay. These troops could pour into Transylvania joining forces with the Russian troops already in Hungary.

This would put Hungary in a position where she might be compelled to withdraw her troops from Galicia to meet the Roumanians. This would mean the Germans must find other troops to help the hardpressed Austrians.

Greece would prove a great aid to England and Russia by attacking the Turkish coast in Asia and so forcing the Turks to weaken their advance toward the Russian Caucasus and the Suez canal. In addition, Greece could help Servia to push forward in Bosnia, and promote an uprising of the Serbs there and in Herzegovina.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Interesting News Notes About People of Alexandria—Happenings in Society.

Mrs. W. Worth Smith, of Broad Run, is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Smith.

Miss Leslie Baggett has issued cards for a tea, December the 25th, in honor of Miss Murray, of New York.

A The Dansant will be given on Christmas afternoon from 3 to 5:30 o'clock at the Richmond Hall on King street.

Miss Lola Eagan, of Berkley, California, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Ellis at Mount Vernon, Va., during the holidays.

The Senior Class of the Alexandria High School is entertaining the Sophomore and Junior Class at a Christmas party this evening at 8 o'clock in the school.

Mr. Robert S. Barrett has returned from a business trip to New York City.

Through a mistake the date of the Christmas German of the Alexandria German was not published correctly in the Gazette yesterday. The date is Wednesday, December 23, and that of the New Year's German, Thursday, December 31, 1914.

LOST—On Saturday either on the road to, or at Episcopal High School, ladies' hand bag, containing gold eye glasses, keys, pocket book and a small sum of money. Reward if returned to H. E. Webb, 921 King street. 22-3t

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COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT

Reports on Ways and Means For Building New High School May Be Submitted.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council will be held tonight. Heretofore there have been no meetings of the city fathers on the fourth Tuesday in December, it having been the custom to adjourn on the second Tuesday in December to the second Tuesday in January. The two boards, however, this year, realizing the fact that a large percentage of the people of the city are clamoring for some decided movement towards the erection of the proposed new high school building, did not pass their usual resolution for a holiday at the first meeting this month; hence a regular meeting will be held tonight.

From conversations with members of Council, it appears that all realize the importance of the erection of the proposed new building, and are ready to vote for the same should they see their way clear. Some, however, fail to see how the structure can be erected at this time in the face of the great cost and the fact that the city has recently been spending on public improvements in the way of street work more money than it has received from its revenues.

Apart from this, the fact that the city has been compelled to borrow money with which to meet the demands upon it up to June 1, 1915, is a proposition which has naturally caused some to stop and consider.

It is, however, hoped that those who are commissioned to formulate the report may fix upon some definite plan by which the proposed structure can be financed and that Alexandria next year may be enjoying what is a great desideratum.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS.

Members of Martha Washington Chapter Send Box to Masonic Ophan's Home

Martha Washington Chapter, Order Eastern Star, today expressed to the Masonic Orphans' Home in Richmond a box containing substantial Christmas reminders. The contents were distributed by the members of the chapter.

ALARMS OF FIRE.

The alarm of fire early last night was caused by a burning chimney of a house at the extreme northern end of Columbus street.

The alarm about nine o'clock this morning was caused by a blaze in an upper room of house No. 118 south Fayette street, occupied by Minine Kirkley, colored. The fire was subdued by an extinguisher. Some bedding was destroyed.

DIED.

On Monday, December 21, 1914, MARY ALLEN MOORE, widow of Joseph W. Moore, in the 89th year of her age. Funeral from her late residence, 121 Duke street, Wednesday, at 3 P. M. Friends invited to attend. Kindly omit flowers.

ASSESSORS APPOINTED

S. L. Monroe and S. H. Love Named With Claude M. Lennon as Assistant.

Samuel L. Monroe and Dr. Samuel H. Love were today appointed by Judge Louis C. Barley of the corporation court, as assessors of the city of Alexandria, and Claude H. Lennon, was named as assistant assessor. The order making the appointments was entered in the court this afternoon and the new officials will commence their work shortly after the first of the year. It will require from three to four months to make the assessment which will be the basis for taxation purposes for the next five years.

As is required by law, a new assessment of property is made in the state every five years.

The selection made by Judge Barley for this important work will doubtless meet with the approval of all interested. These gentlemen are practical business men, two of them being in the real estate business, and having personal knowledge of the value of such property, their figures which will be made will apeal to all property owners, and we prefer to believe they will.

The work of making this assessment has ever proved a difficult problem, no matter how conscientious and careful the assessor may have been. There are always more or less protests made to the corporation Court for reductions in assessments.

It is hoped that the valuations may need but little revision.

DEATH OF MRS. MOORE.

Od Resident of First Ward Passes Away Yesterday.

Mrs. Mary A. Moore, widow of Joseph Moore, died at her home, 121 Duke street, yesterday. She is survived by three children—Clarence C., Vernon C. and Ida M. Moore. The deceased was one of the oldest residents of the southeastern section of the city. Mrs. Moore was 88 years old. Her funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from her late residence, and will be conducted by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Church.

EMPIRE STOCK COMPANY.

The Empire Stock Company, opened a weeks' engagement at the Opera House last night to a well filled and plased house, presenting J. B. Russells' thrilling story of circus life, entitled "A Child of the Circus," with Mr. G. Carleton Guy and Miss Elsie Fowler in the leading roles, supported by an all-star company. Tonight they will present T. S. Arthurs great moral drama, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," with full scenic equipment and effects, including a complete change of vaudeville between acts.

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GERMAN AND ALLIED ARMIES

England Claims She Has Two Million Men—Teutons to Add One Million to Ranks.

London, Dec, 22—In an interview given to the London representative of the Paris Humanite, David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, says:

"Before spring half a million fresh British soldiers will join those already in France and Belgium. England has at present more than 2,000,000 men under arms.

"Although our army at the front is now scarcely one- sixth the size of the French army, our monthly war expenditure is $225,000,000, which is a larger amount than France's total. In addition to the enormous resources which we shall command through the new income tax, we are turning into the war treasury a new loan amounting to the colossal sum of $2,200,000,000."

Basle, Dec, 22—Germany has 1,000,000 fresh soldiers to throw into active service either in Belgium or against the Russians in the north according to the statement of a correspondent of the Sampa, of Rome. The training of this force has been completed, and it is now ready for field service.

Furthermore, according to the same correspondent Germany's resources are by no means exhausted It is said that an additional million men will be in readiness for active service by spring. These recruits are now in training.

STABBED TO DEATH.

William J. Troy, Proprietor of Cleveland Hostelry, Found by Maid

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—Stabbed in a half dozen places about the heart the body of William J. Troy, proprietor of the Troy Hotel and the Hawley House, was found dead in his room at the former hostelry yesterday.

The body was fully dressed. Beside it on the floor, the bed, lay two large knives. A sum of money he was known to have was missing. A chambermaid made the discovery when she appeared to put the room in order. Aside from the weapons the police have no clew to the murder.

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NDRIA NATIONAL BANK.

Alexandria, Virginia, December 12, 1914.

nnual meeting of the l be held at the Bank- Tuesday, January 12, 1915, at eleven o'clock A. M., for the election of directors, and such other business as may regularly come before the meeting.

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Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the company No. 111 South Fairfax St, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday the 4th of January, 1915, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock P M. for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered. The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 4th day of January.

W. M. SLATER, President
ALBERT HARPER, Sec. and Treas.
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NOTICE

ale of Fairfax County, Virginia Bonds.

Sealed bids for the purchase of all any portion of $40,000 bonds, being e residue of the $90,000 bonds heretofore directed to be issued by Fairx County, Virginia for road imovement in Mount Vernon Magisteal District of said County in deminations of $100. or such mulples thereof as may be desired by successful bidders or purchasers, yable as follows: $10,000 10 years om date thereof; $10,000 20 years om date thereof; $10,000 25 years m date thereof and $10,000 30 ars from date thereof, bearing inest at 5 per cent per annum, payasemi-annually at the office of the easurer of said County, will be reved by the undersigned Clerk of d Board at his office at Fairfax, rginia; all bids to be in by 12 ock noon, of December 23rd, 1914. to be subject to acceptance or ection by the Board of Supervors of said County.

aid bonds are exempted from taxn as provided by Chapter 229 of s of Assembly of 1912

F. W. RICHARDSON,
k of Board of Supervisors.

POSITION OF AUSTRIA.

May Desert Germany in Present War For Various Reasons.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Gazette de Lausanne prints an interview with a noted Austrian diplomat, whose name, for obvious reasons, is withheld, advocating the abandonment of Germany by its Austrian ally. The diplomat says:

"Our national existence is menaced. The only issue is for us to conclude a separate peace.

"We have nothing to gain if the German Empire is victorious, but there is a future for us if Germany is weakened and Prussia fails in her mission.

"We then could regain a preponderance of Central Europe without worrying about the near East, wherewith we have been preoccupied for the last thirty years.

"By making peace now we could hope to preserve our status quo, and because of such action would be worthy of reward from the allies.

"We could compensate Servia and Montenegro and offer compensation to Albania. Thus Italy, which is now our enemy, would find a new Balkanic enemy against her.

"We are ready to let Russia go to Constantinople and take what it likes from Turkey, leaving us Bukowlan, Gallicia and Transylvania.

"A pacific Austrian monarchy then would replace the militarist Germany controlling the Germanic people of Central Europe."

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Storm Damage Fruits

Winchester, Dec. 22.—Reports received here from many localities of the lower Shenandoah Valley and the West Virginia border counties tell of a great deal of damage having been done to apple and peach orchards by a recent sleet storm. Trees in the orchards along the mountain slopes seem to have suffered more than others. Many trees that have been bearing only a yea r or two were broken down by the sleet, which froze four inches thick in numerous instances, and hundreds of older trees were stripped of large and small branches. A great deal of replanting will have to be done.

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The fiercest battle that has developed in the Carpathian Mountains is raging near Lupkow Pass, southsoutheast of Sanok. Austrian forces advancing to the relief of Przemsyl were met at the Galician end of the pass by two Russian corps and the fighting has been in progress for three days. The valleys are filled with snow, and the wounded perish from cold, as it is impossible for the opposing forces to find them after they are buried beneath the drifts.

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KAISER THANKS THE LORD

Says to Him Alone is Due the Honor for Great Victory.

Karluruhe, Dec. 21—Grand Duchess Louise of Baden has received the following telegram from Emperor William:

"Field Marshal von Hindenburg has just reported that the Russian army, after desperate fighting retreats and is being pursued along the entire front. It is evident that the Lord aided our heroic troops. To Him alone is due the honors."

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P. M.—12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40, 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55.

Sundays and Holidays

A. M.—7 00, 7 20, 7 40, 8 00, 8 20 8 40, 9 00, 9 20, 9 40, 10 00, 10 20, 10 40, 11 00. 11 20, 11 40, 12 00 noon.

P. M.—12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40, 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10.

Leave Alexandria For Mt Vernon.

A. M.—Week Days—5 35, 6 55, 7 55 8 55, 10 30, 11 30,—P. M.—12 30, 1 30, 2 30, 3 30, 4 35, 5 35, 6 35, 7 35, 8 52, 10 20, 11 50.

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Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of December, 1914, at 10:30 A. M. at the Companys office, 123 S. Royal Street, Alexandria, Va., a special meeting of the stockholders of the Union Building Company will be held for the purpose of taking action upon a proposed amendment to the Charter of the Company so enlarging its scope and purpose as to authorize it to conduct a general garage business at the Union Building property in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, at which meeting all stockholders are urged to be present either in person or be proxy.

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ANNIVERSARY OF LANDING OF PILGRIMS.

Today 294 years ago one of the most important events in the history of the world took place, the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. Whether the early settlers in Virginia would have been able to maintain the settlement of America already begun by them is a mooted question at any rate no other little boat load of people ever accomplished more or added more to the history of civilization.

The story of the Mayflower grows larger and larger with the receding years. The world is realizing more and more the power of the non- conformist conscience in shaping the destinies of a great Republic. Republics rest upon the integrity and strength of the individual and no force has yet been discovered of more value in the upbuilding of character than the belief in a God.. The free thinker may call religion a superstition the utilitarian in morals may call it a sentiment, but by what ever name you may designate it, there remains the solid facts of history, which after all is only the record events in the lives of individuals, prove that no other power has added as much to the peace and security of the world or its happiness. Overturn any one of the great bodies of religious thought, it does not matter how outgrown its principles may seem to be, and inevitably the police power would have to be increased a hundred fold in any section where the followers of this religion resided.

Like many other historic events, there was much of the element of chance in the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. When persecuted in England, they fled to Holland and there at Leydon lived for 10 years and increased to a thousand persons.

But in spite of the friendly attitude of the Dutch, Holland was not an ideal atmosphere for the cultivation of the principles which they considered fundamental. It was too near the centres of princely power to give assurance of long freedom from interferance and the constant unconscious influence of the institutions militated against the rapid increase of adherents. And so their hearts turned to the New World with all its endless possibilities. Holland being a maritime country they had learned much of the conditions of other parts of the world and there was much discussion as to what part of the country they should imigrate.

Many favored Guiana, "whose rich feet were mines of gold and whose forehead knocked against the roof of the stars" to quote an old description of that country. Others desired to come to Virginia where they would be among heir own people. After a tedious journey with many thrils, rivalling the fabled journeys of the Argonauts, except the perils that the Pilgrims passed through were real they landed on Dec. 22, 1620 on Virginia soil which turned out to be Massachusetts.

It would have been impossible to have pictured a drearier Christmas than the Pilgrims were forced to spend but their sorrows endured but a short time for when May came and the Mayflower returned home, not one of them went with her.. So much for the sticking qualities of our New England forefathers, whose strain of stalwart morality rock-ribbed by puritanism. mingling with the blood of the Cavaliers, and genrace of new people whom we call themen adventurors has founded a Americans.

THOUGHTFUL SANTA CLAUS.

A cartoon in a cotemporary today represented the welcome elf of our Christmas joys engaged in slipping a hod marked "cheaper coal" into the stocking of a housekeeper. The papers also tell us that a dinner this Christmas can be procured at less than it has cost during the past few years.

But whil, these assertions may prove realities, the fact that so many breadwinners are at present out of work is sure to send a chill into many households notwithstanding some of the necessaries of life may show a weakening.

Forty years ago this country was staggering under one of its most serious and prolonged periods of depression. At that time prices for everything were low, but to those who were deprived of employment, and consequently out of money, the reduced prices did not render their condition any better. It is so now with many.

As usual during the winter of our discontent, we look forward to spring for improved conditions, but, according to the almanac, winter begins today, and a long and dismal period is to follow before the harbingers of awakening nature shall have been heard.

IS AUSTRIA TIRED OF WAR?

Nothwithstanding the strict censorship exercised by the Austrian government little items occasionally flitter through which are suggestive it is acknowledged everywhere that the Emperor Francis Joseph's ultimatum to Servia, the firebrand which has brought on the terrible conditions now existing in Europe, was instigated by Germany, and that Berlin decrees have for some time been heeded in Vienna.

It is apparent that the feeling which should exist at present between German and Austrian officers, as allies is not in evidence, as the Austrians imagine they are being sacrificed by the Kaiser's leaders in the war now in progress in East Prussia.

A dispatch from a prominent neutral diplomat in Vienna to his Government of which officials in Washington have learned, states that leading financial and commercial men in Austria are urging the making of peace.

The diplomat, in a cipher telegram, confirms recent press reports from Rome of the dissatisfaction which the Austrian populace feels at the lack of success of its army, and states, moreover, that indignation has been stirred up among all classes because of the recent reverses suffered at the hands of Servia. The Austrian Government, he adds, through a strict censorship of the press has withheld details of these defeats from an anxious public.

Another phase of the situation said to be disquieting to the Austrian Government is the reports from the Czech part of Bohemia and Hungary to the effect that sympathy with the war is rapidly diminishing there.

The same diplomat's telegram states that reports are persistent in well informed circles in Vienna that Italy will declare war against Austria about New Year's day.

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WALTER ROBERTS, President.

NOTICE

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Alexandria, Va.
December 11th, 1914.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 12th, 1915, at eleven o'clock A. M., for the election of directors, and such other business as may regularly come before the meeting.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.

Citizens' National Bank
Alexandria, Va.
December 12, 1914.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank, for the Election of Directors for the enduring year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday January the 12th 1915, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 P. M.

RICHARD M. GREEN, cashier.

NOTICE.

A called meeting of Seminole Tribe, No. 35, Improved Order of Red Men, will be held at Odd Fellows' Hall, on north Columbus street, on Thursday, December 17, 1914 at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Officers will be elected at this time. All members are requested to be present. This meeting will take place of the regular meeting December 24.

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George K. Bender, Chief of Records.

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STOCKHOLDERS MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 123 south Royal street, Alexandria, Va., January 12th, 1915, at 10 o'clock A. M.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT, President.
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 123 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va., January 12th 1915, at 10:30 A. M.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT, President.
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 123 South Royal Street, Alexandria, Va. January 12th 1915, at 11 o'clock A. M.

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By virture of and pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust dated January 2nd., A. D. 1906, executed by the Washington Florists Company, a corporation, to Cuthbert W. Ridley and Charles F. Diggs, trustees, and of record in Liber G, No. 7, Page 470, of the land records of Fairfax County State of Virginia, and on default of the payment of the interest on the debt thereby secured and by request of J. Louis Loose, the holder of the bonds thereby secured, the undersigned surviving trustee will on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, A. D. 1914 at eleven o'clock A. M. in front of the premises in Fairfax County, State of Virginia, offer for sale at public auction the following property described in the deed of trust as follows:

"Situated in the city of Alexandria Fairfax County and Mt. Vernon District and State of Virginia, and distinguished as beginning at the south west corner of Patrick Street and Jefferson Street extended to Grillbortzer line then Southerly along said line to Green Street extended then Westerly along said Green Street extended to Charles Churchman's line then Southerly along said line to Hunting Creek then along the shores of said Hunting Creek in a Southeasterly direction to the intersection of said shores with the Mt. Vernon Road; then in a northeasterly direction along said Mount Vernon road to its intersection with south Patrick Street extended at or near Green Street extended, crossing there along the westerly side of Patrick street extended: to the southwest corner of Jefferson street extended, except that it does not convey the following described parcells of land which are included in the above description, to wit, one parcel of land beginning at the corner of Potrick Street extended and Jefferson Street extended and running twenty feet of Patrick St extended and 100 feet and fifty feet on Jefferson Street extended, which said parcel of land was conveyed by J. Louis Loose and his wife Nellie S. Loose, to Samuel Chevalle about twenty years ago and to which the party of the first part has no title whatsoever: One parcel of land on the South West corner of Green Street extended adjoining Charles Churchman's line running twenty-five feet on said Green Street extended and one hundred and twenty five feet along Charles Churchman's line forming part of Fred Shuster estate.

The said land that is intended to be conveyed by this deed and which is accordingly conveyed is improved by fourteen green houses and one dwelling house, one barn, boiler house and other out-buildings, together with all and singular the improvements ways, easements, right, privileges and appurtenance to the same belonging, or in anywise appertaining and all the estate, right, title, interest and claim, either at law or equity, or otherwise however, of the party of the first part of, in, to or out of the said land and premises which are herein conveyed."

Terms of Sale: A deposit of one thousand dollars cash will be required when property is knocked down for the purchases and the balance of purchase price to be paid in cash within thirty days from date of sale. The conveyances at cost of purchaser. Upon failure to comply with terms of sale the purchaser shall forfeit the cash deposit of one thousand dollars required.

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TRUE SPIRIT OF DAY

Christmas Giving Should Be Prompted by the Heart.

Religion in the Orthodox Sense Not Necessary to Appreciate Finer Qualities of Great Christian Holiday.

By PRUDENCE STANDISH.

ONCE more the Christmastide and its beautiful meaning is with the world. Again the shepherds, watching their flocks by night, are sore afraid at the glory which shines about them. Clothed in blinding light, the angel speaks; the heavenly host that crowds suddenly about him sing of glory in the highest and peace and good will. The wise men who have seen his star in the East, kneel and spread their gifts of gold and myrrh and frankincense without question.

The miracle of 2,000 years ago is still new and glad and lovely, for, lo! in all Christendom bells peal and sweet choirs sing the message given by the blinding angel and the crowding host:

"For behold I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

This is the message of the Christmastide, yet the bigger half of Christendom makes the period the pagan festival it once was at the time of the winter solstice. We give gifts, for sake of the gods of custom and merriment, forgetting entirely that they are for sake of the great spiritual joy "which shall be to all people." The gold and myrrh and frankincense of the heart are withheld—we give gifts because we've got to, and keep our hearts as much closed to the Christmas child as was the inn. We have our own selfish ends to gain, the rich patron to cater to, the friend to appease. We heap little children with dazzling toys, and light the starry lamps of their fir trees because it is the fashion, and we do our small Christmas charities because it would seem mean not to do them.

We have forgotten the joyous and sublime meaning of Christmas. One does not need to be religious in the orthodox sense to appreciate the finer quality of this great festival, for what is known as Christian feeling has come to be a moral obligation at this time—a point of etiquette, in truth, for the heart and mind.

In point of mere etiquette—what the social world thinks on the subject of Christmas gift giving—it is thought bad taste for a person of modest means to give presents of value to others of wealth and influence, for this savors too much like currying to continued favor if the giver is already under obligations. But some knowledge of the helpful friend's existence is necessary, and this may take the form of a pretty Christmas card with an appropriate greeting; or a knot of flowers or winter berries may be sent with a note expressing warm Christmas wishes.

That the servant who has given her bodily strength and heart's best interest to the home must not be forgotten, goes without saying; but it is certainly bad form to make the poor servitor's gift an inexpensive trifle when something better can be afforded.

Then what a woeful want of taste it shows for us to defer buying a friend's or sister's present until we have found out what she means to give us, and so make the exchange a quid pro quo. The gift that goes to friend or relative is above all one for love, and it is undoubtedly better taste for the recipient of the simpler gift in the exchange to appear as pleased as if she had received something ten times its value.

But, then, what matters the nature of the gift after all? The spirit is the thing—and does not this silly picture or cushion, so unbecoming to the parlor, mean that the friend or sister has thought of us?

As for the little children, so much are their feelings painfully strained at this time that I would like to write a book on the subject. I beg every mother not to threaten the poor little heart that misbehaves sometimes with the eternal word that "Santa Claus won't come if you do that any more." The dear kiddie who forgets to be good knows better after a year or two of this harrowing threat, which makes you out a story teller. Meanwhile, there is the little heart staying awake at night with its dreadful anxieties; there are the sudden storms of bitter tears, with all the glory of Christmas sunk in the bottomless pit of absolute sureness that Santy—dear, abused, good old fat gentleman—won't come.

We remember the poor and drop a few pennies gladly for the blind children.

But, why do we do it—why? It is because a wide, sweet star has stopped over a stable in the far East, because the church choirs are singing of peace on earth and good will toward men.

So let us never lose sight of that fact with our gifts, whether our hands tender or receive them; for the heart closed to the deeper significance of Christmas may truly be likened to the inn that held no room. Let us send with each gift some of the heart's true gold and frankincense—bind it with the cord of some memory of Bethlehem. Let us receive each and every one of our gifts as tidings of great joy.

Santa Claus says:

¶ A face wreathed in smiles is better than a mansion wreathed in holly.

¶ Better broken toys than broken hearts.

¶ Never look a gift object in the price tag.

¶ Santa Claus by any other name would cost as much—and be worth it.

¶ Do not be satisfied with wishing people a "Merry Christmas;" help make it one.

¶ Lots of men put on long white whiskers and think they look like me when they look more like a goat—and perhaps they are.

¶ If Willie wants to see what is inside the drum, for goodness sake let him.

¶ You are living in God's own country. What more do you want for Christmas.

¶ It is a wise Santa who keeps his whiskers away from the candles.

¶ Keep up the "Good will to man" part of it right through until next Christmas.

¶ It is more blessed to give than to receive, except in the matter of offense.

¶ Fortunately for most of us, we won't get what we deserve on Christmas.

¶ When Christmas giving becomes a necessity it ceases to be a virtue.

¶ There is more joy in heaven over a ton of coal given to the poor than a ton of diamonds given to the rich.

Song of the Christmas Tree

By Gene Morgan

I come from northern forest lands
Where men would tarry never,
The seasons come, the seasons go,
But I am green forever.

The flowers of spring bloom at my feet,
The shadows always spreading.
Near by there runs a forest path
Where watchful deer are treading.

The summer passes all too soon,
And autumn winds are chilly.
Poor flowers, they wither, droop and die
Amid the woodland hilly.

From every branch, sad tears I drip
In rainstorm's fierce endeavor.
The flowers may come, the flowers may go,
But I am green forever.

Now hark! the woodman's ax is heard!
A sister tree he's felling.
What can this cruel destruction mean?
The winter wind is telling:

"Do not bemoan thy mournful fate,
Tho' axmen wield with madness.
Bedecked in tinsel, bright and fine,
You'll soon bring children gladness.

"Thou canst not die, although thy trunk,
Harsh hatchet blows may sever,
Within the little children's hearts
Thou will be green forever!"

Origin of Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree is supposed by great numbers of people to have originated in Germany, but from a reliable source we learn that the Christmas tree came in the first instance from Egypt, and its origin dates from a period much earlier than the Christian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree with 12 shoots on it was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice as a symbol of the completed year.

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Stella's tone was distinctly accusing; it was evident that grandmother had something to answer for. Grandmother, from her invalid chair, looked across at the girl who stood at her bureau drawer. She had endured years of pain and weakness; but they had not succeeded in quenching the spirit in the frail figure; her voice was as saucy as a girl's.

"Not guilty—what is it?"

"It's your handkerchiefs. How many dozen have you?"

"Seven or eight. You see, I have seven of the dearest grandchildren in the world. It's queer, isn't it, that your nose should be so especially honored when you grow old?"

But Stella's gray eyes forgot to laugh back at grandmother's. Something had disconcerted her. She put the handkerchiefs back, made some trivial excuse, and ran up to her own room, where her sister and cousins were holding a Christmas conclave.

"I wonder," she burst out, "that grandmother can endure Christmas at all!"

"What under the sun do you mean?" Corinne and Isabella exclaimed together.

"Corinne, what did you give grandmother for Christmas last year?"

"A box of handkerchiefs. Why?"

"And you, Isabella?"

"An embroidered handkerchief with little weeny initials."

"Mollie?"

"Two handkerchiefs," Mollie confessed. "There didn't seem to be anything else—except slumber slippers, and Aunt Maria always knits those."

"And Laurie and I gave her handkerchiefs. We always give her handkerchiefs—because she's old, and they're the easiest thing to think of! Girls—she isn't old—she's as young as any of us down in her heart, and she loves pretty things just as much as ever. This year let's give her the biggest surprise of her life—a Christmas that will make her really happy."

"But how—what—" Corinne stammered.

"What do we like best—each of us?"

"Jewels!" "Books!" "Hand embroidery!" "Candy!" "Silk stockings!" The answers came in a laughing shower.

"Well, then, why not? Grandma'd love a bit of jewelry from us—chosen just for her. And books—not 'Thoughts of Cheer,' as if she were melancholy, but love stories that end well. And why not embroider her something? And if not silk stockings, then a pair of slippers with tiny velvet bows. As for candy, she'd love to have it to pass round, even if she couldn't eat much herself."

"And let Bob and Archie send her their absurd jokes as they do to the rest of us? It doesn't seem—respectful."

"But grandma doesn't want to be seemed-respectful-to," Stella declared. "She'd just love to be counted in with the rest of us, little vanities and jokes and all. O girls, try it once and see!"

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I cain' on'stan'.
I guess I knows whut Sandy Claus do—
He sec'n han' man!

Las' yeah he clomb down ouah stovepipe
W'enst I's ersleep,
En fotch some oynges—bout half ripe—
En th'ee toy sheep,
En one dese jomp' jacks—broken, dough—
But den, my lan'!
'Bout dishyere Sandy Claus—I des know
He sec'n han' man!

I as' my mammy ef Sandy Claus ain'
Done know des how
Ter mou' dem toys, en' fix dey paint,
En she say, "Now,
Don' worry, chile, 'bout de white folks,
'cause
Hit's de good Lawd's plan."
So I guess dat mah Misah Sandy Claus—
He sec'n han' man!

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In the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

on the 17th day of November, 1914.

J. Johnston Green, William McArthur Green, Kate Muir Williams and Fannie Lee Kemper heirs at law of John W. Green, deceased.

vs. In Chancery.

The unknown heirs of Asa Hill, and the unknown heirs of William Hodgson,

MEMO:

The object of this suit is to remove a cloud from the title to all that square of ground in the city of Alexandria, bounded by Columbus, Alfred, Pendleton and Wythe Streets, and to secure a decree declaring the legal title in the premises to be in the plaintiffs, and further declaring all right or title of the defendants to be barred by laches, lapse of time, and adverse possession; and further to enjoin the defendants and all persons claiming under them from ever asserting any right, title or interest in and to the estate; and for such other further and general relief as may be necessary properly to protect the legal title of the plaintiffs in and to the said premises.

It appearing by an affidavit filed in this cause that the defendants the heirs of Asa Hill and the heirs of William Hodgson parties defendant in this cause, are unknown: It is ordered, That said defendants appear here within fifteen days after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria. once a week for four successive weeks and posted at the front door of the Court-House of this city.

A copy Teste:
NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk
J. R. and H. B. CATON, P. Q.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Washington Asphalt Blyock and Tile Company will be held at 107 North Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., January 11th, 1915, at two o'clock P. M. to elect a Board of Directors and to transact other business.

R. HARRISON JOHNSON,
President.
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VIRGINIA.

In the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, on the 9th day of November 1914

Benjamin W. Guy and Joseph H. Curran trading as Guy Curran and Co.

vs

Fred C. Mathews, Annie Blanche Mathews, Mary A. Rambo, Charles K. Rambo, R. H. Cox Sergeant, administrator of the estate of Mary A. Mathews, deceased and Robinson Moncre, trustee.

MEMO:

The object of this suit is to subject the property discribed in the bill of complaint to the payment of complainants claim and the claims of others against the estate of Mary A. Mathews, deceased, to ascertain the liens upon said property and their priority and to sell the said property to satisfy the same and for an accounting from said Fred C. Mathew for the proceeds of the sale of the personal estate of Mary A. Mathews.

It appearing by an affidavit filed in this cause that the defendants, Fred C. Mathews and Annie Blanche Mathews, are non residents of this state: It is Ordered, That said defendants appear here within fifteen days after

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Schedule in effect April 12, 1914

For Washington and points north daily at 3:08 A. M., 8.43, 8:53, 11:13. 12:01, 1:18, 2.30 through train for New York, via P. R. R.) 6:19 8:18, 11:33 p. m., week days, at 6:07 p. m., Sundays only 8:07 p. m.

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8:47 A. M. —Daily— Local for Harrisonburg and way stations. Buffet parlor car.

2:37 A. M. Daily— U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points south to which scheduled to stop First class coaches Sleeping cars to Birmingham and New Orleans. Dining car service. Stops at Calverton to let off Warrenton branch passengers.

10:32 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville, and Greensboro. Sleeping car from Greensboro to Atlanta.

3:52 P. M. Daily— local for Charlottesville connesting at Calverton for Warrenton.

4:52 P. M. Daily—Birmingham Special Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Columbus, Anniston, Birmingham, Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham, Dining car service Tourist to California daily.

4:12 P. M. —Limited for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

6:12 P. M.—Local for Warrenton.

6:12 P. M.—The Southern's Southeastern Limited, for Ashville, Columbia, Charleston, Aiken, Augusta Savannah and Jacksonville. Through Pullmon Drawing room sleeping cars coaches dining cars.

10:02 P. M.—Daily Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg) First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga. Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke, Dining car service.

11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to New Orleans. Dining Car Service.

4:27 A. M. Daily— Memphis special Sleeping car and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining Car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 p. m.

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